

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHEEL SQUEALS



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Desk: Joy Jones cheerfully greeted us in the small main floor room of Cheers with open arms - one arm extended in greeting, the other to divest us of our dinner fee and Rotary International donation.

O Canada: John Stuart started off the proceedings with a rip roaring, raucous and robust, rendition of O Canada.

Invocation: Bud Fast produced an appropriate invocation, part of which implored our leaders to lead wisely.

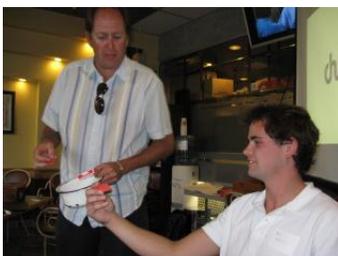


Guests: We had three welcome guests in attendance: Ruth Hanson, soon to be a new member and who is preparing for her induction ceremony by completing the Grouse Grind in one hour and ten minutes; Ben Hartley who spent his first year of university in the 13th century castle Herstemonceux in East Sussex, England ... complete with the mandatory castle ghosts (the Headless Drummer, the Shepherd and the Baroness); and Steven Davis, our guest speaker and one of the partners in Chimp.

Announcements: Norman Thomson, resplendent in the latest Terry Fox Run T-shirt, provided some of the details surrounding the event. It is Sunday, September 18, 2011. A call to Rotarian arms - all hands on deck! Volunteers needed.



Guest Announcement: Guest Ben Hartley is enrolled at Queens University and hopes to take a one year sabbatical to complete volunteer work in Namibia before finishing a Master's Degree at Queens. He worked with Rotary Queens on a Haitian project, where they built temporary clinics outside Port au Prince. He hopes to work for one year with the United Nations International Childrens Fund in Namibia, but needs to raise \$5000. He has



\$3000 and needs to raise another \$2000 to fund his experience. His focus in Namibia would be on HIV AIDS awareness and minimum standards of welfare. He needs to raise the remaining \$2000 before September and appealed to our Club for support. President Michael and the executive will discuss and decide.

Sergeant-At-Arms: President Michael performed the role of Oliver Twist the artful dodger and systematically picked our pockets. The winning ticket, #0148111, was owned by Rolf Gillardon. He perused his card choices and skillfully drew ... alas ... the Three of Clubs.

Happy and Sads: Rolf Gillardon received a free meal from Cheers last Monday night when he showed up and there was no meeting. Fred Sverre recently enjoyed Hornby Island. Ruth Hanson is headed to Halifax tomorrow for a family vacation. Bryan Chalmers successfully cruised Ambleside Beach with a metal detector. Norm Binion reported that son Eric has now completed 1327 km of his kayak trip through the Northwest Passage, so far without cannibalism or scurvy outbreak. Norman Thomson enjoyed Theatre Under The Stars (Bye, Bye, Birdy); Joy Jones is sad that she will be away from Rotary until September, but is happy to have viewed Canada's fireworks show Saturday night; John Stuart toots.

Presenter: Steven Davis from Chimp was the speaker. Steven was a West Vancouver resident and he played on the Canadian National Field Hockey Team. Who is Chimp? Chimp is a group of charity strategists, lawyers, product developers, engineers, user interface designers and bankers. What is Chimp? The Chimp Foundation is a registered Canadian charity. It provides an online service that allows you to establish a Chimp bank account, add money to the account anytime, access 85,000 registered charities in Canada and decide to which charities you want to donate your money. Everytime you add money you get a tax receipt. Chimp tracks everything for you online, your tax receipts for example, which you can review in one centralized report anytime you want. Steve offered to have Chimp match any member's personal donation to their accounts this week, up to \$50, and send that match directly to the UN Foundation of Canada (for Ben Hartley's fundraising drive). Steve Davis can be contacted at steve@chimpfund.com or (778) 331-0580 for further details or, if you would like, to create a Chimp account.



Norm Binion proposed to President Michael that the executive also consider the option of a Club donation to Ben Hartley's cause, perhaps through a Chimp bank account. Perhaps Chimp would match this amount?

Thanks to Speaker: President Michael thanked Steven Davis and presented him with our coveted certificate promising to immunize twenty children against polio with the intent of polio eradication.

Toast to Rotary International: Norman Thomson led the group in toasting Rotary International.

The 4-Way Test: Bryan Chalmers led the group in the 4-Way test.

Of the things we think, say or do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and Better FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Adjournment: President Michael, hearing nothing more for the good of Rotary, adjourned the meeting.

